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Dr. William H. Carson was appointed acting assistant surgeon and, by authority of the President, detailed for duty in the office of the United States consul at Santos. He sailed from New York on the steamer *Wardsworth* Wednesday, December 20, 1899, and will assume his duties immediately upon arrival at that port. He has been instructed to endeavor to arrange for transportation of coffee direct from plantations to the vessels without storage in warehouses, which are apt to be infested by rats. He will promptly notify the Bureau of the departure of all vessels for the United States, giving the ports for which the vessels are bound.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Yellow fever in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service from August 31 to December 22, 1899.*

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.
<b>Florida:</b>			
Key West.....	Aug. 31-Sept. 30....	859	46
	Oct. 1-Oct. 31.....	432	20
	Nov. 1-Nov. 20.....	25	2
	Nov. 26.....	3	.....
	Nov. 30.....	1	.....
Miami.....	Sept. 5-Sept. 22....	2	1
	Oct. 19-Oct. 31.....	45	2
	Nov. 1-Nov. 22.....	86	7
Port Tampa City.....	Sept. 4-Nov. 16....	10	1
<b>Louisiana:</b>			
New Orleans.....	Aug. 27-Sept. 30....	31	7
	Oct. 2-Oct. 31.....	73	9
	Nov. 3-Nov. 10.....	9	4
	Nov. 26-Dec. 9.....	2	.....
<b>Maryland:</b>			
Baltimore.....	Oct. 8.....	a 1	1
<b>Mississippi:</b>			
Centerville.....	Sept. 29.....	(b) 2	.....
Flora.....	Oct. 25.....	.....	.....
Jackson.....	Sept. 10-Oct. 30....	55	8
	Oct. 31-Nov. 1.....	6	1
	Sept. 1.....	1	1
Mississippi City.....	Sept. 14-Sept. 29....	26	1

a At quarantine station. b Yellow fever reported.

*Smallpox in Allen County, Ind.*

FORT WAYNE, IND., *December 13, 1899.*

SIR: In Sorpio Township, Allen County, near the State line, 8 families are afflicted with smallpox, imported from Delaware, Ohio. They are all quarantined, with smallpox physician and nurse, for treatment. Number of cases so far, 27.

Respectfully,

DR. CARL PROEGLER,  
*Secretary Allen County Board of Health.*

*Influenza and smallpox in Norfolk and vicinity.*

NORFOLK, VA., *December 13, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report several cases of influenza at this station. Since my last report it has been impossible for me to obtain any reliable information concerning smallpox at this port. It is reported that it exists in this city, Portsmouth, Berkley, and Norfolk County, and in a more fatal type than last year. In order to report accurately on the situation I addressed letters to the health authorities

of the above-mentioned cities and county on December 6, 1899, requesting them to give me definite information on the subject. So far I have received only two replies: Berkley reports 1 case convalescent, Portsmouth declines to give me the information. Norfolk city and Norfolk County have not replied to my interrogatory.

I have seen no cases personally, although I have heard unofficially of several cases in this city recently.

Respectfully,

EDWARD E. FEILD,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*El Paso, Tex., December 9, 1899.*—I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 9 I examined 120 passengers for successful vaccination on the Mexican Central Railroad. Inspection at the international bridge, 73; vaccination of immigrants, children, and others, 27; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 11; refused entrance on account of being cripples, 3.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., December 12, 1899.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended December 9, 1899: Immigrants inspected and allowed entry, 15; immigrants requiring vaccination and vaccinated, 5. I inspect all passengers from Mexico, but, since raising the quarantine against yellow-fever points, only keep record of immigrants inspected.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### *Smallpox in Mexico near the Texas border.*

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *December 10, 1899.*

SIR: From personal information, I find the following conditions existing adjacent to this point in Mexico:

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.	Time.
C. P. Diaz.....	1	1	Last 30 days.
San Felipe.....	22	18	Do.
Sabinas.....	17	3	Do.
Progreso.....	20	(a)	Do.
San Juan de Sabinas.....	7	(a)	Do.
Monclova.....	6	1	Do.

a Not known.

The poor people are continually moving from place to place, like birds of the air; they carry the disease with them. As it grows colder, the spread increases.

Respectfully,

C. C. DRAKE,  
*Collector.*